

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : The DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP)

1. This memorandum is for your information and explains the background and scope of activities of the DCI's S&T Advisory Panel (STAP). Emphasis is placed on actions taken by the Panel and results to date.

2. Background--In January 1976 Mr. Colby approved the formation of the STAP. The Panel was designed as an interdisciplinary one, but with emphasis placed on foreign sciences and technologies as they relate to future foreign developments. It does not concern itself with current foreign weapons systems nor nuclear matters. Listings of the principal functions of the Panel and of its membership are attached. The membership of the Panel was chosen carefully to represent a variety of scientific and engineering disciplines, economics, and political science. In all cases the members are broad-gauged individuals who are recognized nationally and internationally in their fields. Further, each member has had substantial prior experience with intelligence and the Intelligence Community before

joining the Panel. The Chairman, [REDACTED]

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of the Panel were held in 1976 and the fourth meeting is scheduled for 17-18 March. The members look forward to meeting with you informally on 18 March. The agenda for the fourth meeting is attached.

3. Mode of Operation--The Panel has interacted informally with the previous DCI and myself in an effective manner. The work of the Panel is reported through detailed memoranda which are produced personally by [REDACTED]

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I have found these memoranda to contain excellent guidance for me and for others within the Community and to offer a view of some perennial problems from a different perspective. In addition, through its Chairman, it has given guidance to your Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee (STIC). During briefings of the Panel, there has been excellent interaction with speakers and positive suggestions and ideas discussed with them. Also, members of the Panel have worked with certain analysts directly, stimulating them with new ideas and approaches. At all times the Panel has kept in mind one of Mr. Bush's questions--"Tell me what I should be doing that I am not."

4. Actions and Results

Technology Transfer--The Panel took an early and active interest in the role of the Intelligence Community in technology transfer. Two of its members assembled for the first time the key users and producers of information on technology transfer and examined the status of the problem. From this meeting and other investigations, it became clear that the users do not have a unified view of what they are asking of the Intelligence Community nor of their priorities. The producers generally are answering ad hoc requests.

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Based in part on the Panel's recommendations, Mr. Bush wrote Secretary Rumsfeld that three DCI committees were being "energized" to be more active in the technology transfer arena. (Copy attached)

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6. In conclusion, I believe that this Panel represents a significant asset for you, and its interdisciplinary nature gives it flexibility to examine problems for you in a variety of fields. The high-level individuals involved are personally dedicated and motivated to support you in any way you may wish.

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